

Directory For Public Worship.

INVOCATION.

I.

Our God and Heavenly Father, we have come together to meet with Thee in prayer and praise, and to be instructed in The Word. We would bring Thee a worship without spot or blemish, pure and worthy of acceptance. Cleanse us, therefore, by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit that we may call upon Thy ~~holy~~ Name aright. Share Thy blessings this day with all who enter the House of the Lord. In the name of our Redeemer we ask it. Amen.

ENUMERATION OF MERCIES.

1. For our birth and being:

born in a land where Thy Name is feared:

where we are free to read Thy Holy Word:

where we can worship and serve Thee in peace:

in homes where prayer was daily offered to Thee:

where we were sheltered from temptation:

where we were trained to reverence and love Thee.

2. That Thou madest us a little lower than the angels:

able to understand something of Thy way:

able to love Thee, obey Thee, help Thee:

that Thou hast blest us with a knowledge of Thyself:

given us reason that we may think Thy thoughts,

follow Thy wondrous working:

hearts that are pained by wrong, and are made glad
by kindness:

wills that can be conformed to Thine:

souls that are made strong by service, and changed
and changed into the likeness of Christ by faith
and love.

3. For our education:

by men who love righteousness, truth, honor:

who taught us to scorn idleness, deceit, cruelty,
vice:

who taught us to seek Thee and Thy help, to
trust Thy mercy and Thy care:

to live not for ourselves but for Christ and
our fellow men:

to rejoice in the glory and the beauty of Thy
works:

to find pleasure in what is lovely and true and
good in books, art, noble
activities of men.

4. For Thy preservation of us:

in times of danger when our companions fell:

when no eyes were watching over us but Thine:

when as children Thou didst take us into thine arms,
put Thy hands upon us and bless us:

when the pestilence walked in darkness:

covered us with Thy feathers:

led us besides still waters.

5. For our friends:

who strengthened our hands when we were weak:

pointed us to higher duties and nobler lives:

encouraged us when faint-hearted:

quicken our hearts, purified our minds:

rebuked our vanity, our uncharitable judgments:

taught us to scorn baseness and to fear sin.

6. For our daily work:

that has tot us perseeverance:

helped us to forget ourselves:

tot us to seek higher ends than self:

healed our wounds and soothed our sorrows:

made us helpers of Almighty God.

7. For the world:

its unending beauty:

for the glories of the day and of the night:

summer and winter, seed-time and harvest:

for Thy works so unsearchable:

Thy glory in the heavens, earth, and sea.

8. For the gift of Thy Son:

Thine eternal purpose of Grace:

the great love wherewith Thou hast loved us:

Christ's lowly birth in a manger:

His patient toil as a working man:

His obedience that has taught us how to obey:

His loving service of the humblest and the worst:

His temptation, giving us courage to draw near, and
hope to struggle on:

His weariness, teaching us patience:

His sufferings, that give us victories over ours:

that when reviled, He reviled not again:

when mocked, He was silent:

when hated, He loved the more:

when condemned, He endured:

when crucified, He blessed and prayed for enemies.

for all the good deeds He did, loving words He spoke,
which now give hope to the hopeless and life to the
dead:

for His prayer in behalf of friends and enemies:

His example in days of quietness and disaster:

His gentleness to the base and the rude:

His agony in Gethsemane:

His sufferings on Calvary that have saved the world:

His resurrection, giving us a living hope.

9. For Thy Holy Spirit:

All His guidance of Thy people in the past--of us today:

His taking the things of Christ and showing them to us

Every holy thought that comes to our mind:

Every aspiration after a worthier life:

every struggle against self and sin:

9 For Thy Holy Spirit.

every endeavor to attain the likeness of Christ.

our times of deep repentance:

hours of communion:

moments of silent prayer:

visions of a life spent for God and man:

resolutions and vows to follow Christ.

10 For opportunity of Christian work:

our desires to do something for Christ:

to be fellow-workers with Thee for men:

our power to speak Thy truth:

tell the wonders of Thy grace:

labor and suffer for Christ:

every opportunity of manifesting Thy grace in our hearts:

every gift dedicated to Thy service:

every word spoken gently to the tried and tempted

spoken bravely against iniquity:

every cup of cold water given in Christ's name.

11. For the discipline of life:

trials that have trained us to patience:

11. For the discipline of life: continued

temptations that have taught us to trust only
in thy strength:

troubles that lift us nearer to Thee:

wrongs, insults, slights, that we have been able
to bear patiently in the spirit of Christ:

burdens that have forced us to turn to Thee for
help.

enmity of men that has brought us to Thee in
prayer:

sorrows that have lifted our treasure to heaven
and set our affections on things above:

sacred ties that bind us to the world unseen:
faith that walks without fear thru the valley
of the shadow of death:

that sees beyond the darkness to the
light eternal:

that can rest quietly in thy arms even
tho the earth be shaking.

out of sin—from the power of Satan unto God:
into the fellowship of Thy Son Jesus Christ, our Lord:
calling not the wise and mighty and noble only:
but the poor and contrite and broken-hearted:
convincing us of the sinfulness of sin:

of the misery of a life spent apart from Thee:
for the prize of Thy high calling :
calling us to the very perfection of our Father:
calling us into the peace of God:
into lowliness and peace of Jesus:
to obtain the glory of our Lord, .

13. For the lives of Thy saints:

every one whose faith was strong:

in whose heart was charity:

the patriarchs and their faith:

the prophets and their unquenchable hope:

the apostles and their unwearied labors:

the evangelists and their gospel of Thy Son:
the martyrs and their courage, endurance, blood:
the confessors and their zeal.

every sinner whom Thou hast saved:

the publican who left all and followed Thee:

the thief who on the cross prayed to Thee.

GENERAL THANKSGIVING.

8.

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we, Thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all Thy goodness and loving kindness to us and to all men. We bless Thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech Thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before Thee, in holiness and righteousness all our days; thru Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

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CONFESSION OF SINS.

Pleadings.

1. Plead the mercy of God.

His readiness to forgive.

His invitation to sinners.

that we are his children;

that we are nore to Him than the birds of the air or
the flowers of the field:

that He has no pleasure in the death of the wicked.

2. Plead the Promises of God.

that we shall not seek His face in vain:

that He is faithful and just to forgive.

3. Plead the Mirits of Christ.

that our salvation was His purpose:

by His birth, temptations, trials:

by His agony, crucifixion, resurrection.

4. Plead our own frailties.

what is man.....

as the flowers of the field, as brass, as a shadow.
the weakness of our flesh, nature, will.
our sense of guilt, unworthiness.

5. Plead the power and dominion of sin.

Our Captivity.

Our corruption--in imaginations, affections.

Subtlety of sin.

Strength of temptation.

Scripture Pleadings.

1. Blot out our transgressions as a cloud.

2. Remember, O Lord, Thy tender mercies, and Thy lovingkindness, for they have been ever of old.

3. For Thy name's sake, O Lord, pardon our iniquity, for it is great.

4. Have mercy upon us, O God, according to Thy lovingkindness, according to the multitude of Thy tender mercies blot out our transgressions.

5. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin.

6. Purge us with hyssop and we shall be clean, wash us and we shall be whiter than snow.

7. Hide Thy face from our sins and blot out all our iniquities

8. O remember not against us our former iniquities.

9. Let Thy tender mercies speedily prevent us.

10. Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Thy name.

11. Heal our backslidings and love us freely.

10.
1. Confession of our sins against God.

1. Our ignorance of God.

We have not desired Thee or cared to know Thee :
nor sought for Thee as for hid treasure:
nor meditated on Thy truth.

2. Our unfaithfulness to God and His truth.

-We have not acknowledged Thee to be our God, not worshipped
Thee in sincerity and truth:
not submitted to Thy will;
not followed in Thy way.

-We have said we knew Thee, and yet denied Thee in our deeds,
had unworthy thoughts of Thy ways :
had rebellious thoughts of Thy dealings with us.

3.

Our living without God.

We have forgotten Thee in the hour of prosperity:
not trusted Thee in danger, want:

not brought our burdens and fears to Thee:
marred our lives, with anxiety, as if we had no Father
in heaven,

with needless fears, as if all things did not work
for good to those who loved Thee:

trusted more in man's help than in Thine:
more in wealth than in righteousness:
in talent than in holy living:
in anger than in meekness.

Sometimes when we obeyed Thy law, we in heart disliked it.
We have never fully trusted to overcome evil with good,
or been able to accept wrong and injury and mockery
in patience.

We have believed more in self-assertion than in self-
sacrifice,

more in boasting than humility.

We have loved our own way more than Thine;
our own opinion more than the peace of Thy people.
We have sought the glory of our own name, even when
we said we were seeking Thine.

4. Our want of love.

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We are too easily turned from Thee by mockery or fear of
earthly loss:

too easily turned aside by hopes of gain or praise.
We have little time for Thee because we are so busy with
the world.

We find it hard to love one another, but hardest of all to
love Thee.

We care more for the friendship of Thine enemies than to
the friendship of Thy Son.

We find time for converse with any one but Thee; to read
any book but Thine.

5. Our want of zeal for God and his Kingdom.

We do little for Christ's cause and yet are content.

We have little sorrow over our meanness: worldliness;
little interest in the saving of the world.

We are seldom grieved by the thought of others' sins.

We do little for the heathen abroad or at our own doors.

We have wronged good causes by our indifference, suspicion,
and by our cold and critical words.

Even when our zeal in thy cause is kindled,

we are unwise, rash, self-willed, blind:

use unlawful means to accomplish Thy purpose:

trust in worldly methods more than in gentleness,
mercy, long-suffering, &c.

6. Our want of joy in God's service.

Thy service has often been a weariness.

We have been slow to enter in upon it, ready to be done.

We have felt it a relief when prayer was ended,
that we might return to work, play, book.

Glad when godly conversation ceased.

7. Our unthankfulness for God's mercies.

We have neglected Thee in times of joy, success, and murmured
against Thee in times of distress, trial.

When we failed we complained of Thee, and when we succeeded
we took the credit to ourselves.

We ascribed Thy good gifts to our own efforts, skill.

Even when we thanked Thee we have been grudging in our thanks.

Thy good gifts lead us not to repentance, but to pride,

vanity, boasting.

8. Our impatience.

12

We can hardly trust Thee where we must trust Thee alone—
where there are no signs of success.

We have under little trials, crosses, and worries.

We are impatient under the cares of home, the difficulties
of daily work, discipline of daily life.

We cannot believe that the Cross is the way of Victory,
that trials are our opportunity of conquering our hearts

We can scarcely forgive once.

We do not try to forgive others as we ask Thee to forgive us
every morning and every evening.

(Our impatience in time of sickness, pain, sorrow, loss.)

9. Insincere worship.

We have served Thee that we might be seen of men:
served Thee, but not in spirit and truth:

with our lips when our hearts were far away:

in word, while our heart was with the world:

with that which cost us nothing, the sick, torn,
lame.

We have found Thy service a weariness, because our hearts
were far from Thee.

We are not always thinking of Thee, the living God, in
our songs of praise.

A trifle detains us from our worship,

We are easily distracted in it.

10. Sins in Prayer.

We pray too often that we may persuade Thee to our way,
desire; and not that we attain to Thy holy and loving
will.

We desire not to will that which we hear from Thee, so
much as to hear from Thee that we will.

We have often neglected to pray at all.

We omit it on a trivial pretext--because of our work,
fatigue, even Christian duties.

We acknowledge our want of thought during prayer, want
of attention, reverence.

We confess sin, yet without sorrow or shame.

We confess sin yet turn to it again.

We ask forgiveness, yet refuse to forgive others.

We wrestle in prayer only when we are seeking earthly blessings or fearing earthly loss.

We pray because we are afraid not to pray.

We pray, and yet live as if we never expected an answer.

11. Sins in connection with God's Word and His House.

We neglect Thy Word--the Bible of some unopened since last Sabbath.

We too often come to church without a thought of meeting Thee not hungering after righteous:

not caring to be humbler, meeker, holier:

not even desiring a better life.

We have sometimes come not to worship Thee, or to be taught of Thee, or be strengthened to obey Thee, but merely to be pleased or interested, or from custom.

We have come with our minds full of business.

We have been tempted to change Thy Word into a jest.

We have forgot Thee as soon as the hour of worship was over.

We do not use the power of Thy fellowship in church for the work of the week.

12. Irreverence.

We do not always speak of Thee with godly fear.

We do not think of Thee as the Almighty God,
as the awful and righteous Judge,
as the Father of the Holy Jesus Christ.

We have often spoken lightly of things divine:

of things noble, pure, worthy, of good report:

of persons humble, gentle, patient:

of persons deformed by Thy Act, afflicted thru no
sins of theirs, marred by Thy hand.

13.

Sins in connection with Vows and Resolutions.

We have made vows that were unworthy, unChristian.

We have broken vows that were good.

We have pledged ourselves in frivolous mood.

We have taken oaths that were unlawful, and so have sinned:
we have fulfilled them, and have sinned the more.

14. Blasphemy.

14.

WE have mocked Thy ways in the lives of other men:
scorned Thy method when it was hard:
reviled Thy people for deeds that were God-like,
for their patience, meekness, self-sacrifice:
opposed Thy way when taken by those we disliked, hated,
were jealous of.

II. Confession of Sins against our Fellowmen.

1. We have not regarded a brother's dignity, worth, interests:
nor honored nor esteemed him better than ourselves:
nor rejoiced in his gifts, advancement.

We have tried to undervalue him:
envied his success, talents, attainments:
grieved at his prosperity:
resented his outstripping us in life:
sacrificed his happiness to our own ends.

2. Sins against superiors.

We have been undutiful, disobedient to those over us.
We mourn over our slothfulness, unfaithfulness as servants.
We are slow to begin our work, eager to have done.
How easy for us all to be rude and grudging in our service
how hard to be patient, unmurmuring:
to be gentle to masters who wrong us:
to be good to masters who are evil.
When reviled, we answer again.
We have flattered our superiors to serve our own ends,
and then we have disdained them.

3. Against inferiors.

We have sometimes been careless to cruelty towards the poor
Because they were poor, we forgot they were thy children,
and heirs of Thy Kingdom.

4. We have sometimes commanded things that were unjust, untrue,
unseemly.

We have encouraged and favored what was evil:
discouraged what was good and worthy:
left our neighbor exposed to wrong, temptation.

5. Against parents, children, &.

15.
6. God of all gentleness, have mercy upon us, for being angry without a cause:

our desire of revenge, when vengeance is Thine:
our hatred against any child of Thine:
our speaking words that provoked to anger:
our prejudices against a brother:
our harboring secret grudges against another:
our being implacable towards an enemy:
our spirit of strife, quarreling, contention:
anything we have said or done that has broken the peace
of our home, our congregation.

7. O God, Who art full of tenderness and sympathy and mercy,
forgive our unforgiving words:

our unkindly, unfeeling, unsympathetic conversation:
our silence when others were unkind, cruel:
our own cruel words-resentful, revengeful:
our wounding souls thru scandal:
our hurting a brother's feelings:
our words that were meant to cut and rankle.

8. O Father, Whose thoughts towards us are love, forgive our want
of thought for one another:

our hardness of heart:
our shutting up our compassion for the needy:
our indifference to them, ignorance of them:
our quenching thoughts of kindness, forgiveness:
our want of quietness of mind:
our uncharitable judgments of men:
that we are not gentle and courteous in speech even to
those who insult us:
our want of forbearance to the ignorant, the slow, the willful:
that we are not ready to be reconciled to those who have
wronged us or whom we have wronged.

9. O Lord, Who art of purer eyes than to behold evil, we mourn
over all our impurity of life and thought:
over all impurity in affections, imagination, words, or
behavior:

our want of watchfulness over thought, heart, conduct:
all unseemliness of speech and behavior.

We lament that we have listened to corrupt communications
when we should have rebuked them: everything we have done
that suggested evil to others.

9.continued.

As a nation we mourn and lament over foolish jesting and talk that is uncoming, over those men and women made in Thy image who live to debase and destroy their fellows.

10.0 Lord, Who alone art faithful and true,
we confess all our unfaithfulness.

Thou knowest what wrongs are done among us:

what unfairness in contracts:

what dishonesty in business:

what oppression of the poor, what extortion:

what bribery, what covetousness.

We think too much of gain and too little of men's souls.

Men add field to field and drive Thy people from the land:

make haste to be rich at the cost of a brother:

grow rich and despise Thee.

We mourn over our nation's luxurious living, prodigality, living, wastefulness.

11.

Idleness.

Almighty God, Who art ever working for our good,

we mourn over any neglect of duty of which we have been guilty

our want of diligence in it:

our want of care in what Thou bestowest:

our distracting care about the future, what we shall eat
and drink, and wherewithal shall we be clothed.

12. Our love of money.

O Lord, Who possessest all things and madest Thyself poor for
men,

we mourn over our trust in money rather than Thy loving
protection:

over our too eager desire to get it:

our discontent without it.

Men keep it as if Thou hadst not made them stewards:

seek it as if it would never perish.

We have not given it freely even for the preaching of Thy
Gospel.

We have spent lavishly on our own desires and grudged Thy
Church a little.

13.0 God, Who art light and truth, and with Whom is no darkness,^{17.}
we mourn
over our love for that which is not true:
that we have too often prejudiced or perverted the truth:
if we have hurt the good name of others:
if we have sometimes supported an evil cause and have
withstood and overborne a good.

14. We have called evil good, and good evil:
sometimes praised, rewarded wickedness, excused or extenuated
sin, censured righteousness.
We have been silent when we should have defended the right
or withstood the wrong:
or when we spoke, we spoke unreasonably, maliciously, or
with a wrong intention.

15.0 God, have mercy upon us if at any time we have been guilty
of slandering a brother:
back-biting, detracting:
tale-bearing, scoffing, reviling:
misconstruing his words, actions, intentions:
flattering him.

16. Have mercy upon us if we have at any time
spread a false report:
endeavored or desired to impair the credit of others:
rejoiced in their disgrace, loss, failure:
suspected evil of those who were good:
spoken against or felt contempt for any child of Thine:
neglected to speak well of those who were wrongly reviled;
or to hide the shame of a brother,
or to defend the innocent.

We mourn that we are so ready to believe evil of men, so
slow to believe good.

We mourn that it is hard to study and practice those things
that are true, noble, just, pure, lovely, of good report,
virtuous, praiseworthy.

17. Have mercy upon us, for we are often
discontented with our condition,
with Thy dealings, discipline, chastisement:
envying and grieving at the good of others:

17.continued.

vexed that others are better than we, that they are placed
in more favorable circumstances, born with fewer temptations
in body and soul:
uncharitable and unkindly in thought towards others:
unwilling to further another's cause.

111.--Confessions of Sins against the Gospel and the Holy Spirit

1. O God, Who hast commanded the light to shine out of darkness,
we confess and lament.

that we have loved the darkness rather than the light:
that we have turned away from the knowledge of the Son
of God;

that we have let sin gain dominion over us:
not walked in the Spirit:
not cared to be saved from ourselves:
followed the judgments of men:
feared their blame and not thine:
neglected thy grace in our temptations:
not trusted Thy strength in our weakness:

2. Almighty Father, Who hast so loved us that Thou gavest
Thy Son to death for us, we mourn that His death has
awakened so little love in our hearts for Thee:
so little gratitude to Him:
that our sins do not always bring us to His Cross.

We have little desire to be wholly consecrated to His
service:
to live humbly working for Thee.
We can hardly work for Christ without worldly recognition.

3. Our Heavenly Father, we mourn
over our earthliness of heart:
that we seek our own success even in Thy work:
we care too much for pleasure, and too little for Christ:
we fear punishment more than offending Him:
when burdened and distressed, we do not come at once to
Him for refuge and rest:
we have been ashamed to confess Him, because of the mocking
of men:

when His cause was unpopular:

when it meant earthly loss:

that the love of Christ does not constrain us,
that our hearts are cold towards Him,
our hearts are so slow to trust Him.

4. O God, who hast sent Thy Spirit to bear witness in our hearts to the truth and love of Thy Son, and to work in us Thy Holy Will, we lament that we have not profited, as we ought to have done, by His gracious ministry: that we have, by our carnal and worldly desires, crushed the good impulses, and turned aside from the vision of a heavenly life, that have come, from Thine inspiration: that we have not exercised the gifts of Thy Spirit, or made use of the powers of usefulness in the service of our fellow men Thou hast bestowed: that we have often resisted the gracious workings of Thy Spirit, that we have hardened our hearts against the good example of Thy servants, and been deaf to their words of entreaty: that we have grieved Thy Spirit by our coldness, by our unwillingness to repent and believe in Thy Son, by our wilful opposition to Thy Truth: that we have often quenched Thy Spirit within us, preferring the traditions of men, and the customs of the world to the truth and holiness of Thy Gospel, holding by the forms of past thought when Thou wouldst have led us unto a further knowledge of Thy ways": that we have not walked in Thy Spirit but have often trusted to our own wisdom: have been guided by worldly expediency and the counsels of the flesh: that we have indulged the appetite of the body in opposition to holy impulse.

5.

O Lord, Who hast in Thy great mercy given us a day of rest in which to meet Thee,
we mourn that we have often neglected it:
have not made it a time of fellowship with Thee:
a day of thought and reverence:
an opportunity for rising into Thy pure life:
for rising above work and anxiety:
above self and our own needs and aims:

5. continued.

for the study of Thy Holy Word and the lives of Thy Saints
for the worship of our Father in Heaven:
for the examination of our hearts and lives:
for preparation for Eternity, and Thy judgment.

6.00 God, Who art never weary in Thy loving-kindness to us,
we mourn that we grow weary of Thy day and Thy service:
say when will it be done that we may buy and sell:
men make it a day of sloth, or work, or amusement:
we have in thoughtlessness sacrificed the rest of others
have forgotten the needs of our servants,
Thy claim on their worship.

7.0 our Lord and Saviour, who alone art the Bread of Life,
how little do we feed on Thee:
we come to Thy Table with weak faith and doubting hearts
prepare ourselves so slightly for it:
altho Thou dost so lovingly invite us, we neglect it,
absent ourselves without reason:
we sometimes partake carelessly, irreverently:
we make resolutions and straightway forget them:
we come without expecting new grace of Thee:
we depart without regret that we have missed it.

I. For all men.

O GOD, Who art the Hope of all the ends of ends of the Earth,
 Remember the whole Creation for good.
 Pity our race whose portion is sin, and misery, and shame,
 and death.
 Fulfil Thy purpose of love toward mankind.
 Save this world for whom Thou gavest Thine only begotten Son.
 Thou hast promised Thy Son the nations for an inheritance,
 and the uttermost parts of the earth for His possession,
 bring them speedily into His kingdom.
 Grant that the nations of the Earth may no longer use their
 strength to work desolation: that all men may acknowledge
 Thou art King, and honor and obey Thee, world without end.

IIII. ---Our Native Land.

Almighty God, on Whom our fathers hoped, and Thou didst deliver
 them,

I. Grant that religion and virtue may be found in all our land:
 that there may be peace and plenty within our coast.
 In peace, so preserve us that we grow not corrupt:
 in plenty, grant that we be not proud and forget Thee:
 in want, teach us to be humble and patient, and to remember
 that the Kingdom of God is righteousness and peace and
 joy in the Holy Ghost.

That we may continue a people to love and serve Thee.

That the men and women of our nation be sober, pure and
 righteous; brave to act, patient to bear, and earnest
 in obeying Thy will.

2. All rulers statesmen, magistrates, and judges.

O Lord, Thou art the Counsellor, the mighty God, give them
 the spirit of wisdom and godly fear:
 inspire them with the love of Christ and of men, that
 they may seek the enlightenment and welfare of all who
 are under their sway:
 raise up for the service of our nation wise and faith-
 ful men who honor Thee:
 that they may have grace to cast from them all self-
 seeking and unworthy ambition:
 that they may be the defense of the oppressed, and the
 help of the orphan and the widow and the helpless.

O God Who art the Fountain of all wisdom, guide our legisla
Overrule their deliberations for the welfare of this
great nation.

May the laws of our country reflect Thy will.

Prosper their counsels to the advancement of true religion
so that peace and happiness thru Thy faith and fear
may continue among us thru all generations.

Give them as their end and aim the brotherhood of all men

III. Our city or town .

1. The People.

May the least among us seek the honor of our town.

May true religion spread among us, sobriety, &.

May all misery and vice and shame pass away.

2. Magistrates.

May they as men of honor and uprightness consecrate
their opportunities of serving men,
use their position for the raising of the fallen and
the protection of the innocent:
strengthen the hands of the honest and upright:
destroy the power of deceit and greed and vice.

IV. Classes.

1. O God Who has been a strength to the poor,
a strength to the needy in our infirmaries, asylums,
hospitals, poorhouses, and orphan homes.

Give tenderness to those that wait upon them.

Teach us to see in them Thy brethren, and to pity
and serve them.

May we learn to serve Thee in our service of them,
visit the sick and the prisoner as those for
whom Christ died,
minister unto the sorrowing and friendless as
Thou hast ministered unto us.

2. The Rich

O God who hast commanded us to lay up for ourselves
treasures in heaven,

give to the rich grace to use their riches for Thy
glory.

Make them good stewards of Thy bounty.
Keep far from them all pride, luxury, sloth.
Let them not be highminded or neglectful of the poor.
Awaken in all the joy of blessing the needy.
Make them ready to give of their abundance for every
noble work and Christian enterprise.

3. Grant grace to all who are in high station, all whose words
are honored, all whose example is imitated, that
their words and their conduct may be wise and hon-
orable:

that in nothing they may lead any to stumble or to
doubt Thy truth, or dishonor Thy Name.

4. Working Men and Women.

That they may be faithful and diligent, serving Thee:
that they may not be eye-servants.

Bless them in their callings and their families.

May they use their power in our nation for good--to es-
tablish the Kingdom of Heaven.

5. Give guidance to all engaged in the lawful callings of life,

that all men may perform their duties as unto the Lord:
that having gifts that differ, all may labor with one
mind for one end.

That all may rejoice with those that prosper, and be
kind and helpful to those that fail.

That in the struggle of life, we may all rejoice in hope,
be patient in tribulation, and continue instant in
prayer.

6. Professors and teachers.

That they may be an example of Thy wisdom, and obedient to
Him who is the loving and wise teacher of all.

That their example may lead many to love what is noble,
and to live for the honor of Thy name.

Make them all seekers after truth, and with all their learn-
ing, may they know the love and fear of God.

Enable them to train the rising generation for the service
of God and of man.

7. Men and women of influence.

Lead them by Thy light and truth.
 Make them obedient to that heavenly teaching of Thine.
 Guide those who are guiding our nation, and teach those who,
 by their words and writings, are forming public opinion.
 Give them a deep sense of their responsibility to Thee.
 Fearing God, may they know no other fear.
 May they be brave defenders of all that is true, pure, honor-
 able, lovely and of good report.

8. O Father, Who in Thy mercy hast never left us without witness-
 es of Thy truth,

raise up many who are full of faith and Thy Holy Spirit:
 whose hearts are filled with the love of men:
 who visit the fatherless and seek the lost:
 who spend their days to dispel the darkness, and the sin
 of the world.
 Grant them grace to persevere without wearying.
 Give them strength to pray for those who resist their good
 work, and to rejoice when they are reviled and opposed
 in the service of truth.

V. HOME

1. Our homes.

O Father, Who in Thy loving-kindness hast set us in families
 teach us to realise the sacredness of home.
 May every home among us be a nursery of piety and of no-
 ble youth.
 May the influence of our home life be for God, and love
 and holiness.
 May every home be a shelter from care and sin, a place
 where Thy Spirit rules.
 May the memory of home follow the absent into far lands,
 chastening their hearts, keeping them unspotted, and
 bringing them to Thee.

2. The children.

Give them love and reverence for their parents, that they
 may learn to love and reverence their Father in heaven.
 Grant that they grow up into holiness, and strength, and
 fruitfulness, in all things just, true, and noble, before
 God and man.
 Guard their purity and innocence; and when they learn what
 sin is, teach them to hate and fear it.

2. The children.

Keep them from the sins that have marred our lives.
 May they find their happiness in seeking the happiness
 of each other.
 May Thy Spirit whose seal was set upon them in Baptism
 be with them always:
 confirming in them the love of all that is good and
 noble and fair:
 ripening in them the faith and love of Jesus Christ.
 Satisfy them early with Thy mercy, that they may be glad
 all the days of their lives.
 Give them health and happiness.
 Watch over them at school, in play, in temptation.
 Put Thy hand upon them and bless them.

3. Young men and women.

Make them a joy to their parents, at home or absent.
 Give them the grace of sobriety, purity, and service.
 Deepen their early piety and prayerfulness.
 May they consecrate their years and strength to God.
 Be with them when they leave home; when surrounded with
 danger.
 Keep the tempted ones in our great cities.
 Deliver those who are being led away by evil.
 Give them a high conception of duty and the worth of Life.
 Suffer them not to forget the God of their fathers.
 Give them grace to always remember their fathers and
 mothers, brothers and sisters.
 May the prosperous never forget a struggling brother or
 sister.
 Keep them in health and holiness.

4. All relatives and friends.

Bless all who have been kind to us in past years:
 who have helped, warned, encouraged us:
 who have comforted us in our sorrows:
 who by their sympathy have given us hope:
 who have patiently borne with our failings:
 who have forgiven us our offenses:
 whose charity has covered our sins.

5. The aged and infirm.

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O Eternal God, to Whom the years bring no change,
pity those whose strength is failing fast;
those going down the valley and near the gate:
that, when the way seems dark, they may see beyond to the
glorious light of Thy presence.
Be Thou their Refuge and their Support.
May they walk, leaning on Thy arm, and fearing no evil.
Grant that the closing years of their pilgrimage be spent
in peace and the joy of Thy presence.

6. The homeless, the poor and needy.

O Lord Who hadst not where to lay Thy head, yet art now a
Shelter from the storm to all the weary,
take under Thy protecting care all who are homeless:
who have no friend to succor them:
who have no human heart to pity them.
Give bread to the hungry.
Pity men and women who can find no work, and their children
who are starving.
Pity the poor who are held down by adversity, and the
weak who are baffled in struggle with the strong.
Find a home and tenderness for children who have been
deserted by their parents.

7. Our enemies.

O Lord Who didst pray for Thy murderers,
give us grace to pray from the heart for those who hate
us, wrong us, persecute us.
Bless those who hate us without cause:
who are estranged from us because we have reprov-
ed their sin:
who hinder Thy work by thoughtless speech.
Take away all anger from them, and all bitterness from us.
Remove all misunderstandings and jealousies, and unite
us to one another in increasing love.

VI. COMMERCE, BUSINESS, and SOCIAL LIFE.

O God Who canst bring forth spiritual blessings out of all
our conditions,
teach us both how to abound and to be in want.
Grant Thy presence to the prosperous that they may be humble:
and to those once prosperous that they may complain not.
Take from us both the love of money and the fear of poverty.
Save us alike from courting the rich and despising the poor.
Give us grace to use all wealth and every talent as Thy
stewards,
as those who must render an account to Thee:
to put out to usury for Thy glory even our poverty and our
weakness.

O God Who wilt not be served deceitfully by any man,
purify the politics of our nation:
calm the angry strife of men:
change bitterness of speech into charitable judgment:
make us with all our differences lovers of our country, and
fellow-workers for its highest welfare.
Purify our social life, and grant
that we may honor only that which is honorable:
deliver us from vanity, self-indulgence:
multiply the number of brave, earnest, self-sacrificing
followers of Christ:
grant that we may encourage one another in pursuing all
that is good.

O Lord, righteous and true, Whose cause and kingdom cannot be
helped by evil,
purify our religious life from error and ignorance and
self-will:
bring us nearer to the loving, holy life of Thy Son.

O God Who hast called Thy people to be salt of the earth,
preserve us from the blemishes and failings that make the
young and the ignorant to stumble:
grant us simplicity, truth, and fervor in our faith, and self-
denial in our daily lives:
save us from all hypocrisy, insincerity, and formality.

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VII. The CHURCH.

1. The Church Universal and our own branch of it.

O Lord Who hast loved the Church and given Thyself for it,
sanctify and cleanse it by Thy Word.
Where it is corrupt, purge; where in error, direct it.
Where it is divided, heal the breaches thereof.
Make Thy strength perfect in our weakness.

O lord Who hast redeemend Thy Church that it should be
holy and without blemish,
remove all needless divisions and unite us all in Thy
holy work.
Take away the spirit of rivalry and jealousy.
Rebuke all our uncharitable judgments of one another.
Teach us all to bear with one another where we differ,
and to labor with one heart for the salvation of men.
Bless all who love the Lord Jesus Christ by whatever
name they are called.
Guide them all into closer fellowship with Thee.
Preserve Thy Church in unity and peace, free from
persecution or glorious under it.
Keep her from trusting in the favor of princes, or the
power of riches, or the ways of the world.
Give her increasing trust in the power of prayer and
holiness, and the unfailing guidance of Thy Spirit.
Grant that Christ may be more manifest in the lives
of Thy people,
And thru their service and sacrifice work ever more
powerfully upon the world.

2. Our Congregation.

O God Who givest grace to every one of us according to
the measure of the gift of Christ,
dwell with us and be our God.
Accept the worship we offer Thee this day.
Grant us a blessing on all our efforts.
May Thy Spirit be the Teacher of all our classes.
May His presence be felt, and His voice heard in all
the meetings:

2. Our Congregation...continued

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Go Thou forth in Thy resistless might with those who work among the sinful, the degraded.

In all our work may we seek peace, giving place to one, another, forbearing one another.

May each of us fear strife and covet the blessing of the peace-maker.

3. Our office-bearers.

O Thou Who art the wise and loving Shepherd, grant Thy Spirit to those who bear rule here in Thy name.

Give them the mind of the good Shepherd, that they faithfully and lovingly care for the flock.

Give us the sense of our responsibility to Thee, that we may be faithful stewards of Thy Word.

Grant zeal and wisdom and patience to all who plead for Thee an unwavering faith in Thy promised victory over sin and death:

bestow upon us all the Spirit of prayer.

Grant in mercy that our lives may commend the Lord Jesus Christ.

Give tender, loving hearts to understand the sorrows of men: courage and wisdom to speak the word in season.

4. Our members and fellow-worshippers.

Almighty God, Who by Thy Spirit helpest our infirmities, enlighten those who are perplexed in faith.

Give peace in believing to those troubled in conscience.

To those who are tried in spirit, give comfort.

Support those who are struggling against temptation.

Arouse the negligent, strengthen the penitent.

Deliver those who are in the bonds of sin, and are fighting for deliverance.

Give victory to those who are pressing toward Christ, who through all their failures and sins seek the perfect life of the Lord.

Grant the aid of Thy counsel to all who teach the ignorant and minister to the sick and sorrowing, who are seeking the lost, giving hope to the despairing, and are encouraging those ready to faint.

May they know the blessedness of those who are fellow-workers with God.

4. Mourners.

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O merciful and gracious Father, Who lovest whom Thou chastenest
look down in pity upon those who sorrow.

Grant that, by the strength of Thy Spirit, they may not mur-
mur in their hearts, but humbly submit unto Thy holy will.
Bless to them hour of anguish, and make it the preparation
for a life of greater nearer to Thee.

Lift up their hearts unto that home where there is no part-
ing, and where Thou shalt wipe away all tears from their
eyes.

In their darkness let Thy light shine, and in their loneli-
ness may Thy presence be felt.

The sorrows of death are but for a little while, comfort them
with the living hope of a union that shall not be broken.

May we who remain behind a little longer keep ever clear and
bright the memory of lives now passed into Thy presen-

As we try in our sorrow to follow them into the world un-
seen, grant that we may meet with Thee and know the com-
fort of Thy love.

5. The sick, the burdened and friendless.

O Father Who ever governest Thy children in mercy, look upon
the sick with tender pity.

Sanctify Thy Fatherly correction.

May their weakness give strength to their faith and sincer-
ity to their repentance.

Let Thy mercy encompass Thy afflicted children.

Make their affliction seem light and but for a moment com-
pared with the eternal weight of glory hereafter.

Let the day of affliction be to them a holy messenger from
Thee.

Forbid that their trials should lead them to doubt Thy care
or Thy unceasing love of them.

Be the unfailing strength of those who are bearing crosses
too heavy for them:

whose sufferings make them weary for death::

to whom the day brings no brightness and the night no
rest:

say to them, I will give Thee rest:

on whose hearts lie burdens none dare know but Thou:

whose earthly future is without a ray of hope:

who have lost their earthly friends and have not yet
found Thee:

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who are in the snares of those who seek their ruin:
over whom no one watches, for whom no one prays, whom no one
seeks to save.

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7. The tempted and all who have gone astray.

Visit in mercy speedily the sons and daughters of our home
who are living in sin:

parents whose lives are leading their children astray:
grant that those who have known and yet have forgotten

Thee may not perish but return to Thee again:
that those who follow Thee afar off may not deny Thee.
The outcasts of our cities,

In mercy rescue those

for whom the name of Christ is nothing but an oath.

O Father of the fatherless,

pity those who are trained by parents to a life of vice
and crime,

who have known an earthly father's love and to whom

Thy love is no more than a name.

Have mercy upon the great multitude of the Christless
around our doors:

the criminals for whom we have done little, of whom we
seldom think with tenderness:

the men and women abandoned by themselves and by us,

that thy Spirit may never forsake them:

those who name the name of Christ, yet are too busy
with the world for prayer:

who are ashamed to confess Thee:

who can be mocked and jeered into sin.

8. The heathen--our mission.

O God Who hast given Thy Son the heathen for His inheritance
bless all who are laboring to bring them to Thee.

Give them the courage and wisdom of Christ:

His patience and tenderness, His Spirit of sacrifice.

As the fields ripen to the harvest, send forth laborers
chosen by Thee.

More and more may Christ's Church take upon her heart the
burden that lies on His.

Send forth many laborers in this great cause, feeling that
it is Thine.

Gladden and sustain them till the promised day comes.